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If Bomb Falls: Few Officials Have Shelter

Only About a Fourth Of Governors Safe

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If nuclear bombs rained on the United States today:

Top U. S. officials in Washington would be rushed at the first real alert to secret, pre-assigned, remote emergency sites to direct control of the government and the armed forces.

Most Federal officials caught in the nation's capital, and the wives and children of virtually all Administration officials, would have no protection in their own homes against fallout.

Only about one-fourth of the Governors would have fallout shelters in their mansions in which they and their families could seek refuge.

Few Shelters Built

A United Press International survey showed yesterday that, despite increased interest in survival plans engendered by the Berlin crisis, only a smattering of key Federal officials have built home shelters or plan to build them.

The survey turned up only twelve fallout shelters in Governors' homes and three more under construction. At least twenty-seven Governors reported they had no bomb or fallout shelters in executive mansions, but eleven of them indicated they are planning or at least considering construction of fallout refuges.

President Kennedy, Vice-President Johnson, Cabinet Members, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Supreme Court Justices and many other officials fall under guarded plans for evacuation to official shelters outside of Washington.

The White House underground bomb shelter has been kept up to date, Presidential aides said, and members of the staff retreated to the shelter in a drill six weeks after the Kennedy administration took over.

McNamara Is Planning

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, who is living in a rented house, has no shelter but said he is making plans for protection of his family.

Secretary of State Dean Rusk has no home shelter and his office said he was "undecided" whether to build one. Central Intelligence Agency Director Allen W. Dulles has none, it was said. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, the President's brother, has no shelter at home.

Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon and Labor Secretary Arthur J. Goldberg have

home shelters and no plans to reconstruct any. Secretary of Interior Stewart L. Udall is in the same boat.

But Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman is planning to install a shelter soon, his office said.

One of the best protected Governors is E. P. Hollings of South Carolina. He has an underground, concrete bomb-fallout shelter, fully equipped. The North Carolina and Georgia Governors have basement shelters, but they are in antiquated mansions and of doubtful value.

Shelters also have been provided for the Governors of Alabama, Arkansas, Indiana, Maine, South Dakota and West Virginia.

Shelter in Minnesota

Gov. Elmer Andersen of Minnesota has a new fallout shelter, big enough to house six or eight persons, in his basement. A new metal tank shelter was installed last week in the back yard of Oklahoma Gov. Howard Edmondson's mansion.

Workmen are reconstructing a bomb shelter under the lawn of the Governor's mansion in Lincoln, Neb. Safety heavens are being built at the homes of the Connecticut and New Hampshire governors.

There is no shelter for Gov. Robert P. McEvers of New Jersey and none is planned.

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